MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In Makaram 1115.

(*c*) No. It was not a vacancy but a newly created post.

(*d*) The person holds the Vaidyakalanidhi Diploma and has undergone a regular course of practical training in the Panchakarma forms of treatment for a period of two years.

(*e*) (i) Vasthi (വസ്തി)
(ii) Vamanam (വമനം)
(iii) Nasyam (നസ്യം)
(iv) Virachanam (വിരേചനം)
(v) Raktamoksham (രക്തമോക്ഷം)

(*f*) On all the five branches referred to in the answer to part (*e*).

Panchakarma treatment in the Ayurveda Department.

255. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have appointed a specialist for *Panchakarma* treatment in the Ayurveda Department;

(*b*) if answer to part (a) is in the affirmative his special qualifications; and

(*c*) the number of patients who have undergone *Panchakarma* treatment under the said specialist?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) and (*b*): Reference is invited to the answers to parts (*a*) and (*d*) of Interpellation No. 254 by Mr. Murukkumpuzha V. Kunjukrishnan, on the subject.

(*c*) In-patients—28, and
Out-patients—28.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: With reference to answer to part (*c*) may I know the period during which they were treated?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: On an average about a month.

Diet to patients in the Medical Department.

256. *MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what was the total decrease in expenditure under diet to patients in the Medical Department during the year 1114; and

(*b*) what are the main items in which this cut in expenditure was effected?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) About Rs. 13,000.

(*b*) As a rule certain extra diets supplied to certain institutions were reduced. It is not possible to enumerate the items under which the saving was effected as the diets were prescribed according to the needs of the in-patients.

Diet in the District Hospital, Vaikom.

257. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount sanctioned during the years 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, and 1114 for diet in the District Hospital, Vaikom, and the number of in-patients in the hospital during those years?

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VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M POONEN LUKOSE: The details asked for are furnished below with regard to the District Hospital, Vaikom:—

Year.	*No. of patients.*	*Amount.* Rs.	Ch.	C.
1110	636	450	0	0
1111	651	450	0	0
1112	548	400	0	0
1113	499	250	0	0
1114	633	215	0	0

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): ഫ ഫ ഫ o _ൽ ന്നന്ന രോഗികൾക്കുവേണ്ടി ര ഉ o രൂപ ചെല വാക്കിയതായി കാണുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഫ ഫ ഫ ര _ൽ ന്നന്ന രോഗികൾക്കുവേണ്ടി ഫ ഫ ഉ രൂപ ചെലവാക്കി എന്നും കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. ഈ വ്യത്യാസം വരുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. PONNEN LUKOSE: I have first to make it clear that the system of diets in hospitals is different from that in private homes. Patients in hospitals are given different diets and the kind of diet given depends a great deal on the diseases for which they are treated. In 1114, because of the State Congress activities, all departments were asked to surrender a certain percentage of their allotments. Less money was available for diets. Therefore medical officers were asked to cut down their expenditure under this head. But it does not mean, Sir, that patients were starved in hospitals.

Patients in certain hospitals.

258. ***MR. K. R. NARAYANAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of in-patients treated in the Vaikom, Muvattupuzha, Shertala, Alwaye and Tiruvalla hospitals during the years 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113 and 1114 and the amount sanctioned as diet charges for each of these hospitals during those years?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: A *statement furnishing the required information is placed on the table.

Government Ayurveda Hospital.

259. ***MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) the average number per day of in-patients and out-patients who are treated in the Government Ayurveda Hospital;

(*b*) the number of beds available for in-patients;

(*c*) whether representations have been received about the want of accommodation; and

(*d*) whether Government have considered the desirability of housing the institution in a convenient and permanent building?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) In-patients—25·03
Out-patients—969·76

(*b*) 25.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The matter is under consideration.

*Vide Appendix I page 923.

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